## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a method for decoding Variable Length Codes used to encode data having a predefined type, preferably image or video data, said encoded data consisting in a sequence of codewords belonging to a predefined set of codewords.

According to the present invention, the method comprises the steps of:

- building at least one partial decoded codeword sequence comprising at least two decoded codewords;
- checking if said partial decoded codeword sequence fulfils at least one property intrinsic to said predefined type of data.

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